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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

(TARIFFS)

RESOLUTION

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**No. 26(3)-T.B./50.**—The Tariff Board have investigated the claim of the indigenous plywood and tea chests industry for the continuance of protection.

2. Their recommendations are as follows:—

1. Apart from Gurjan, the entire imports of which from the Andamans cannot be made available to it, the industry can suitably use other species of timbers in the manufacture of plywood, provided that such timbers are properly processed.
2. In order to assist the industry in this respect, the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, should undertake research on different species of timber available within the country, the costs of such research being met out of the cess which the Board have proposed.
3. The species of timber suitable for the plywood industry should be earmarked for it, and steps should be taken to ensure that such species of timber are not used by inefficient factories.
4. In formulating their forest policies, the State Governments should take into consideration the desirability of promoting the development of the indigenous plywood and tea chest industry.
5. In view of the speculative tendency of the price of casein, which depends upon the indigenous production of butter, the export of indigenous casein should continue to be prohibited, and licences for import of foreign casein should be issued to plywood and tea chest manufacturers for their own consumption.
6. In view of the fact that the demand for casein by the plywood industry is falling, the indigenous industry should be able to regulate the prices of imported casein by placing collective orders.
7. Since it should be possible to use other adhesives such as protein glues, vegetable glues, resinous glues, etc., in the manufacture of tea chests, the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, should undertake research into various types of glues for the benefit of the indigenous industry, the expenses incurred by the Institute being met out of the proceeds of the cess recommended.